

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
Next Wednesday, 28 October we will celebrate the elite performances of our academic, cultural, sporting and civic achievers in our school at our 57th annual Speech Night - the tenth I have had the pleasure of attending as the Principal of Wavell SHS. It is not easy to achieve recognition at this prestigious night on the school calendar. Education at Wavell is founded on the four pillars of endeavour; academic, cultural, sporting and civics. There are so many outstanding achievers across these areas. I congratulate those students who will be honoured this year and urge other students to continue to aspire to great heights in their area of strength. I will also have the privilege of presenting our 2016 Prefect-Elects and naming our four School Captains. The nominees for School Captain all spoke with a passion and commitment to serve the school that they love. I am sure our Prefects and Captains will step up to the challenge of supporting our new Year 7 cohort and undertake their range of leadership and corporate responsibilities with distinction. I congratulate our determined students and staff who participated last weekend in the World War I Queenslander Challenge, a 100 kilometre walk from Brisbane to Woodford through the D'Aguiar State Forest. This challenge required our students and staff to carry with them a brick engraved with the names of Queenslanders who died in this War. This event is one of several that our students have participated in this year as we commemorate the 100 year anniversary of World War I and Gallipoli. Wavell State High School, named after Lord Wavell, has continued its very strong links to the service of our men and women to our country and to the Kedron Wavell RSL sub-branch through Mr Greg Peake (President). Our new building features a mural wall dedicated to the ANZAC spirit and serves as a continuing reminder of our history and connection. I would like to congratulate our Drama Department for the significant work needed to promote Drama Excellence at Wavell SHS. Last Friday night, fifteen of our students were among the 150 state finalists selected from 5000 Queensland entrants in the Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival run by Shake and Stir Theatre Company. Proudly, our group performance won the State Final. Well done to our students, Ms Battams (HOD The Arts) and our drama staff. The final Showcase Concert of the year will commence at 7:30pm next Friday 30 October and will highlight our graduates from Year 12. These talented students have only four weeks of school remaining and I am sure the instrumental music performances will be, as usual, of the very highest standard. Mrs Jones, Ms Piggott, Mrs Baldwin and Mr Mitchell have prepared our bands and vocalists for a most entertaining and enjoyable evening. Exam timetables for our seniors are now posted on the school web-site. Year 12 students have two weeks and Year 11 students three weeks until block exams commence. I expect our students will continue to perform at their very best for these important end of year exams.

Our Year 12s must ensure they are presented with a certificate to be proud of at graduation on Friday, 20 November.

We are currently finalising enrolments and timetabling arrangements for our new Year 7 classes for 2016. Orientation Day, Monday, 7 December, is fast approaching and we pride ourselves on being organised and well planned for the day. Therefore, if you have a child yet to enrol or know of a family looking for a great secondary education, please ensure their enrolment process and interview is completed by the end of November. At this stage, there are limited out-of-catchment enrolment vacancies in Year 7 and a number of vacancies for Year 9 students. Enrolling early avoids the disappointment of unsuccessful placement and ensures children are well catered for in their start to high school. Please phone our enrolment officer, Ms Sandra Lock on 3350 0328 for an enrolment pack, interview or to organise a school tour.
J.J. Major,
Principal

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none."
William Shakespeare

57th ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT

Wednesday, 28 October 2015
Assembly Hall - 7:30pm

Academic, Sporting and Cultural awards
will be presented.

All parents are most welcome to attend.

Year 10 Business Extension

On 7 to 9 September, eighteen students from three local high schools including Wavell participated in the Business Extension Ecoman Program. The aim of this program was to give students an insight into Business Management practices and strategies. Using a simulated business program for a medium-sized manufacturing company over a four-year period, these students worked together to form companies and competed for market share, sales and profit, whilst operating in a dynamic business environment. It was a great educational experience and enjoyable time. In conclusion, a presentation was given to the Board of Directors outlining our achievements and their return on investment. Special thanks to Bary Hoph and Judy Xavier for running the program and McCullough Robertson Lawyers for providing a fantastic venue. Pictured below: Christopher Edwards, Steven Corredor Gonzalez, Ryan Johnston, Catherine Boswood, Teare Wood and Peyton Turner.



Semester II Examinations

Year 12 - 9 to 19 November
Year 11 - 16 to 26 November
Year 10 - 23 to 26 November
Years 9, 8, 7 - 27 November to 1 December

Visit to Parliament

By invitation from local member, Ms Leanne Linard, our School Captains, SRC President and Mr Major (pictured) were thrilled to attend Parliament House last week. While there, they viewed parliament, hearing speakers from both sides talking about support for the new domestic violence bill. After a tour and discussion of the history of Queensland parliament, they enjoyed lunch with Ms Linard, and a discussion with both Ms Linard and Ms Jones (Minister for Education) pictured.



Constitutional Convention

Nadia Morrison Matarley Hutchison, and Elizabeth Bennett (pictured below) have been elected by their peers to represent Queensland at the National Schools Constitutional Convention held in Canberra in March 2016. The girls were voted in at the Brisbane Schools Constitutional Convention held on Tuesday 20 October at Queensland Parliament House after delivering inspiring speeches about Constitutional issues. The students competed against state and private schools from Brisbane and the Gold Coast in this prestigious event. Congratulations girls!



Professional Development

Last week, Wavell welcomed Dr Robyn Gillies from the University of Queensland's School of Education for a twilight professional development session on Co-operative Learning. Dr Gillies highlighted the importance of engaging students in this style of learning, connecting strategies to the ASOT pedagogical framework adopted by our staff, for a consistent approach to teaching and learning across our school. Pictured: Ms Robinson, Ms Fleming, Dr Gillies, Mrs Searle and Mr Macpherson.



ICAS Writing and English Competitions

Congratulations to the many students across Years 7 to 12 who enthusiastically participated in this year's *University of New South Wales ICAS English and Writing competitions*.

Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding results for their writing:
Waldwynn Wuthrich, Year 7 (Distinction);
Charlotte Metcalf, Year 7 (Distinction);
Jason Morcom, Year 9 (High Distinction);
Taylor Hayes, Year 9 (Distinction);
Lucy Florence, Year 11 (Distinction).

QUT Writing Workshop

A group of Year 12 students participated in an exciting tertiary opportunity at Wavell this term: a QUT writing workshop. This academic workshop, conducted by the QUT Creative Writing and Literary Studies Discipline, was delivered as an authentic university tutorial with the aim of expanding the students' knowledge of the writing craft. The students enthusiastically completed writing activities and received one-on-one support from the QUT professor. *What a great experience!*

Music Excellence

The Music Excellence Chamber Concert was held on Thursday 8 October and featured Wavell's finest music students. It was a night of quality performances as our Excellence students performed their final assessment pieces. The program was varied, featuring beautiful vocals as well as students performing on piano, violin and guitar. The audience was also treated to two original compositions written by *Sarah Longford* and *Kiki Faoagali*. Congratulations to the graduating Year 12 students: *Jane Toalepaalii*, *Lesina Tamati* and *Kiki Faoagali*.

Shakespeare Festival



Pictured: Lucy Florence and Samantha Ellis
 The Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival is a competition run by Shake and Stir

Theatre Company that provides an opportunity for students across Queensland to participate in a creative competition celebrating the works of William Shakespeare. Of the 5000 students who entered, fifteen of our Year 11 and 12 Drama Excellence students were amongst the 150 students selected as state finalists to compete at the Judith Wright Centre on 10 October. Our students, who impressed the adjudicators with their creativity, energy, passion and skill, took out first prize in the 'scene' category, with a dynamic interpretation of *Romeo and Juliet*. *Congratulations!*



Used-Clothing Shop Attention Year 12

School uniforms of a suitable standard (washed and ironed with no fading, stains or mending please) will be accepted for sale as soon as possible after Friday, 20 November.

Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 33500303
- Email via absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

Rugby League Excellence Awards



Pictured above: Kyle Paterson with Sponsor, Graham Robinson and rugby league staff.
 Rugby League Presentation Night was held on Friday 9 October to round out another big year in the Excellence Program. The event was well attended with over 400 players, parents, family members, coaches and supporters packing the hall. The evening also recognised the students who received 0 D's and E's for Behaviour and Effort in Semester 1. A big thank you to all who attended. Major award winners were: Excellence Program Student of the Year, *Luke Kisaloff*; Rookie of the Year, *Kyle Paterson*; Player of the Year, *Jackson Frei*; Girls Best New Talent, *Nakita Sao*; Senior Girls Player of the Year, *Kersal Avaava Johnson* (*pictured below*). Team of the Year: 1 *Yessie Faud*, Year 12; 2 *Manase Kaho*, Year 9; 3 *Jack Paterson*, Year 10; 4 *Farami Pritchard-Malaki*, Year 8; 5 *Kalemb Hart*, Year 11; 6 *Dejzha Pene*, Year 10; 7 *Joshua James*, Year 9; 8 *Jack Lote*, Year 12; 9 *Kyle Paterson*, Year 11; 10 *Ezekiel Amituanai*, Year 8; 11 *Ethan Olsen*, Year 8; 12 *Jackson Frei*, Year 12; 13 *Kalem Brown*, Year 10.



YEAR 12 GRADUATION DAY
FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2015
 6:45am - Breakfast
 at **Kedron-Wavell Services Club**
 Tickets on sale now
 Available from the Payment Counter
 downstairs in G Block until
 Friday, 8 November 2015
 8.45am - Graduation Ceremony
 in Assembly Hall
 All parents of Year 12s are welcome.

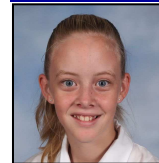
Netball Excellence Awards

The Netball Excellence Awards Luncheon for 2015 hosted *Beryl Friday* from the Mission Queensland Firebirds and Queensland Fusion as our special guest. She delivered an inspiring



speech which resonated with many of our girls, where she promoted women in sport and to be active and healthy. *Beryl* was proud to be a positive role model for many young females. Big award winners were: Services to Netball Award, *Madison Ward*; Junior Netballer of the Year, *Myleah Tabualevu*; Senior Netball Excellence Award, *Courtney Punter*; Senior Netballer of the Year, *Savannah Vasilakis* (*pictured above with Beryl Friday*).

Sporting Representative



Emily Morley in Year 8 was selected in the Metropolitan North 15 years' girls cricket team.

Congratulations!



Dance and Drama Excellence Performance and Graduation



Thursday, 5 November 2015
 6.30pm in Hall

All are welcome to attend.
 Entry fee: gold coin donation.

QTAC- For Parents Website

QTAC is proud to announce the launch of the [For Parents](#) website, specifically designed to help parents be more involved in their child's tertiary study decisions.

At the *For Parents* site, parents can:

- get useful hints and tips to help your child;
- find out when to start planning;
- choose the right course and institution;
- check out how to apply;
- investigate support services.

Email go.enquiries@qtac.edu.au for more information or visit Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre Ltd., Level 4, 154 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane, 4101.

IMPORTANT

Please remember to notify the school of any change of address or contact phone numbers or parent email addresses for your student.

Diary Dates

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| Sunday 25 October | • Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal 10:00am – 4:00pm |
| Monday 26 October | • Graduating Art Students Exhibition in Hall |
| Wednesday 28 October | • 57th Annual Speech Night in Hall - 7:30pm |
| | • Years 11 and 12 Hospitality Practices students assisting with preparation for Speech Night: Lesson 4 - 7:15pm |
| Thursday 29 October | • Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal: 1:00pm - 7:00pm |
| Friday 30 October | • Arts Captains announced on Assembly |
| | • Year 12 Expo in Hall - Morning Tea and Lesson 2B |
| | • Years 7, 8, 9 Netball <i>Super Seven's</i> Final: Lessons 1B - 4 |
| | • Junior Leader nominations due |
| | • Instrumental Showcase Concert 2 in Hall: 7:30pm |
| Sunday 1 November | • Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal 10:00am – 4:00pm |
| Monday 2 November | • SRC Executive Elections for 2016 - Speeches and Voting |
| | • Dance and Drama Excellence Technical and Dress Rehearsal 3:30 - 8:00pm |
| Tuesday 3 November | • Wavell Film Festival in Hall: 6:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Wednesday 4 November | • Dance and Drama Excellence Rehearsal 11:00am - 7:00pm |
| Thursday 5 November | • Dance and Drama Excellence Performances:
> Matinee : 10:00am > Graduation Performance : 6:30pm |
| Friday 6 November | • Year 12 Guest Speaker in Hall - Lesson 2B |
| | • Final day to purchase Graduation Breakfast tickets |